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APPLICANTS: VORTKORT ET AL -1 PCT
SERIAL NO.: 09/913,613 EXAMINER: W.CHEUNG
FILED: AUGUST 15, 2001 GROUP: 1713
TITLE: THERMOPLASTIC VULCANIZATE AND ITS METHOD OF PRODUCTION

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(3)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated MARCH 25, 2003, for three months, from JUNE 25, 2003 to SEPTEMBER 25, 2003. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(3), is a check in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Large Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

Respectfully submitted,

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